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Response introduction

The Trust publishes its 'Tackling Violence and Aggression policy' on the Trust website here: <https://www.plymouthhospitals.nhs.uk/trust-policies>. Please refer to the security section.

The Trust has welcomed the NHS Violence Reduction Strategy because it recognises at the national level an issue which is a daily reality for many NHS staff.

The Trust's Director of Corporate Business recently invited staff to make recommendations that will inform our new development plan aimed at decreasing violence and better inform our approach in challenging it.

The past records indicate the highest number of recorded violent incidents occurred in health care of the elderly and acute medicine.

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Please provide this information as a spreadsheet or CSV file. N/A.

- 1. The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded in 2016/17 (financial year from April 2016 to March 2017) and in 2017/18 (financial year from April 2017 to March 2018)**

Between April 2016 to March 2017, there were a total of 130 recorded physical assaults on staff.

Between April 2017 to March 2018, there were a total of 185 recorded physical assaults on staff.

- 2. The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded that involved medical factors in 2016/17 and in 2017/18**

The Trust records all incidents on an electronic incident management system, Datix.

There were 315 incidents involving physical assaults on staff for this period recorded on the system. Datix did not have a specific field for recording if medical factors were involved. In order to answer this question a member of staff would have to open each incident manually and read through to ascertain if this were the case.

This would take five – ten minutes for each case and would exceed the appropriate limit for time spent on retrieving information. It is therefore considered exempt from supply in accordance with section 12(1) of the Act – Request exceeds the appropriate limit by virtue of section 13.-(1)(a) – The Cost of Compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

3. The total number of times physical injury was caused in 2016/17 and in 2017/18

The Trust does not record this information.

4. The total number of times was restraint used following a physical assault in 2016/17 and in 2017/18

In 2016/17, there were 43 recorded times where a restraint was used following a physical assault.

In 2017/18, there were 72 recorded times where a restraint was used following a physical assault.

5. The total number of times was seclusion used following a physical assault in 2016/17 and in 2017/18

The Trust does not record this information.

6. Total number of criminal sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults in 2016/17 and 2017/18

The Trust does not record this information.

7. Total number of civil and administrative sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults in 2016/17 and 2017/18

The Trust does not take civil action in relation to these offences.

8. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults was recorded as charge in 2016/17 and 2017/18.

The Trust does not record this information.

9. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults was recorded as verbal warning in 2016/17 and 2017/18.

The Trust does not record this information.

10. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults was recorded as no action in 2016/17 and 2017/18.

The Trust does not record this information.

11. The total number of times it was recorded that the victim did not want police to pursue the matter in relation to physical assaults in 2016/17 and 2017/18.

The Trust does not record this information.

12. Total number of staff reported by the trust at March 31, 2017 and at March 31, 2018.

March 31, 2017 = 6958

March 31, 2018 = 7248

*Please note that the above figures exclude Honorary contracts and bank staff.

Attachments included: No